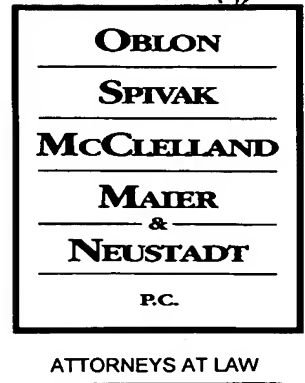




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Filing Date: February 25, 2004
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PRODUCING SAME
Group Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: YEE, DEBORAH

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Request for Reconsideration

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In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 8 are independent. Claims 7-14 are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement.

The present invention provides a high-strength forged part comprising ferrite and a second phase (retained austenite, as well as bainite and/or martensite). The forged part of the present invention has a superior elongation property, and a good balance of high strength (600 MPa or more) and high reduction of area. Specification at page 1, lines 5-11.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over JP 2001-220641 ("JP-641") or JP 2001-220648 ("JP-648").